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JOB GROWTH INCREASES SLIGHTLY

Texas Unemployment Rate Declines

The Statewide actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate dropped from 8.3 percent in January to 7.9 percent in February 1992. Although the number of jobless Texans was down by about 40,000 over the month, the current level was still over 150,000 higher than the year-ago estimate. In February 1991, the Statewide unemployment rate was 6.2 percent. Total employment rose somewhat over the month, and the current level was also moderately above the year-ago level.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also declined over the month, from 7.8 percent in January to 7.3 percent in February. The year-ago seasonally adjusted rate for the State was 5.6 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate rose moderately, from 7.1 percent in January to 7.3 percent in February, which was above the year-ago level of 6.5 percent. The actual rate for the Nation was up, from 8.0 percent in January to 8.1 percent in February, compared to 7.2 percent one year ago.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs increased by 18,800 between January and February 1992. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 7,188,100 in February, up by 97,100 jobs from one year ago.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 19,900 over the month. At 6,210,400 this was up 105,700 from February '91. **Services** and **Government** reported the same increase from January, with both sectors going up by 12,200. The largest Government increase was in State Government, up by 6,700 over the month, due mostly to state universities and colleges being back to full staff after their winter break. Local Government increased by 5,700 as colleges and universities returned to normal staff loads, and communities which offered special programs for evening hours began new sessions. Federal Government showed a decline of 200 from January.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb.'92	Jan. '92	Feb.'91
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,385.0	125,071.0	124,070.0
Unemployment	10,161.0	9,949.0	8,919.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1%	8.0%	7.2%
Total Employment	115,224.0	115,122.0	115,151.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	126,287.0	126,046.0	125,067.0
Unemployment	9,244.0	8,929.0	8,130.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.1%	6.5%
Total Employment	117,043.0	117,117.0	116,937.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,648.2	8,646.1	8,444.5
Unemployment	682.1	721.8	523.0
Percent Unemployed	7.9%	8.3%	6.2%
Total Employment	7,966.1	7,924.3	7,921.5
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,723.0	8,747.0	8,525.0
Unemployment	637.0	686.0	477.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.8%	5.6%
Total Employment	8,086.0	8,061.0	8,048.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb.'92*	Jan.'92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan.'92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan.'92**	Feb.'91**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,400	51,500	50,300	97,100	97,300	95,400	455,700	455,400	442,700
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,700	2,600	5,800	6,500	4,400	24,000	26,100	18,500
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.2%	5.2%	6.0%	6.7%	4.6%	5.3%	5.7%	4.2%
Total Employment ++	47,900	47,800	47,700	91,300	90,800	91,000	431,700	429,300	424,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	177,200	177,200	168,400	94,900	94,900	92,100	112,600	111,700	106,700
Total Unemployment	16,000	17,100	10,500	7,700	7,800	4,500	16,100	16,400	13,400
Percent Unemployed	9.0%	9.7%	6.2%	8.1%	8.2%	4.9%	14.3%	14.7%	12.6%
Total Employment ++	161,200	160,100	157,900	87,200	87,100	87,600	96,500	95,300	93,300
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,300	63,600	63,700	167,500	168,000	161,900	1,453.2	1,452.2	1,428.8
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,000	2,200	17,000	18,000	11,500	107.0	112.9	74.9
Percent Unemployed	4.3%	4.7%	3.5%	10.1%	10.7%	7.1%	7.4%	7.8%	5.2%
Total Employment ++	62,500	60,600	61,500	150,500	150,000	150,400	1,346.2	1,339.3	1,353.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	254,600	256,000	248,400	735,800	735,300	730,000	113,400	113,400	108,700
Total Unemployment	29,400	31,600	26,200	53,900	57,600	42,900	10,000	10,500	7,300
Percent Unemployed	11.5%	12.3%	10.5%	7.3%	7.8%	5.9%	8.8%	9.3%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	225,200	224,400	222,200	681,900	677,700	687,100	103,400	102,900	101,400
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,770.4	1,771.3	1,721.5	99,300	99,200	95,600	56,500	56,400	55,700
Total Unemployment	125.6	132.1	83.8	8,400	9,100	6,500	5,500	5,900	6,600
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.5%	4.9%	8.5%	9.2%	6.8%	9.7%	10.5%	11.8%
Total Employment ++	1,644.8	1,639.2	1,637.7	90,900	90,100	89,100	51,000	50,500	49,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,200	82,400	79,100	115,700	115,700	113,800	166,500	167,000	168,600
Total Unemployment	8,100	8,600	6,000	7,900	8,200	5,200	31,800	32,800	34,600
Percent Unemployed	9.9%	10.4%	7.6%	6.8%	7.1%	4.6%	19.1%	19.6%	20.5%
Total Employment ++	74,100	73,800	73,100	107,800	107,500	108,600	134,700	134,200	134,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,600	49,600	47,200	55,000	54,700	51,700	45,100	45,300	43,100
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,500	2,200	5,200	5,100	2,700	2,900	3,200	1,900
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.1%	4.7%	9.5%	9.3%	5.2%	6.4%	7.1%	4.4%
Total Employment ++	46,100	46,100	45,000	49,800	49,600	49,000	42,200	42,100	41,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	613,600	610,400	601,000	46,700	47,000	46,800	58,100	58,400	56,600
Total Unemployment	44,100	45,900	37,800	3,600	4,000	2,900	4,800	5,200	3,800
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.5%	6.3%	7.7%	8.5%	6.2%	8.3%	8.9%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	569,500	564,500	563,200	43,100	43,000	43,900	53,300	53,200	52,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,500	76,100	75,400	38,600	38,800	37,000	92,400	92,100	92,800
Total Unemployment	5,600	6,300	4,700	2,400	2,700	1,700	6,200	6,800	5,400
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	8.3%	6.2%	6.2%	7.0%	4.6%	6.7%	7.4%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	69,900	69,800	70,700	36,200	36,100	35,300	86,200	85,300	87,400
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,100	55,100	54,400				8,648.2	8,646.1	8,444.5
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,300	3,600				682.1	721.8	523.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.8%	6.6%				7.9%	8.3%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	51,100	50,800	50,800				7,966.1	7,924.3	7,921.5

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
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The largest increase in Services was found in Health Services which went up by 4,900 over the month. Hospitals and Nursing and Personal Care Facilities remained the contributing factors for this acceleration, as the need persisted for more extended care facilities, as well as complete health care facilities. Engineering and Management Services increased by 1,500, while Educational Services went up by 1,300. Increased staffing was prevalent in colleges, universities and professional schools, as the new semester got underway. Personal Services rose by 900 due, in part, to seasonal hiring for preparation of income tax forms. Amusement, Including Motion Pictures went up by 300, while Hotels and Other Lodging Places increased by 100 from January. The only decline in Services occurred in Business and Repair Services which decreased by 400 over the month.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate recorded an increase of 1,600 jobs from January. Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate had the largest gain, up 800 from one month ago. Depository Institutions, Including Banks, and Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers both reported increases of 400.

Wholesale and Retail Trade recorded the largest Nonmanufacturing loss, down by 3,300 over the month. Wholesale Trade declined by 1,200. Retail Trade, overall, lost 2,100 jobs from January. The largest Retail loss occurred in Apparel and Accessory Stores, which went down by 1,600. General Merchandise Stores decreased by 1,200, while Food Stores lost 800 jobs over the month. Other Retail Trade declined by 300 and Automotive Dealers and Service Stations decreased by 100. Two sectors of Trade increased from one month ago, Eating and Drinking Places, up by 1,400, and Building Materials and Garden Supplies, up by 500.

Employment in **Mining** declined by 2,100 in February, influenced by soft demand and lower prices for crude oil and natural gas. The loss was concentrated in Oil and Gas Extraction, which experienced a reduction of 2,000 jobs.

Construction employment dropped slightly over the month, reflecting seasonal curtailments amounting to 400 jobs.

Transportation and Public Utilities dropped 300 jobs, overall, from January. Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services declined by 400, showing up mostly in Electric Services. Other Transportation dropped by 100, with the decline showing up in Transportation by Air. Communications produced the only gain in Transportation,

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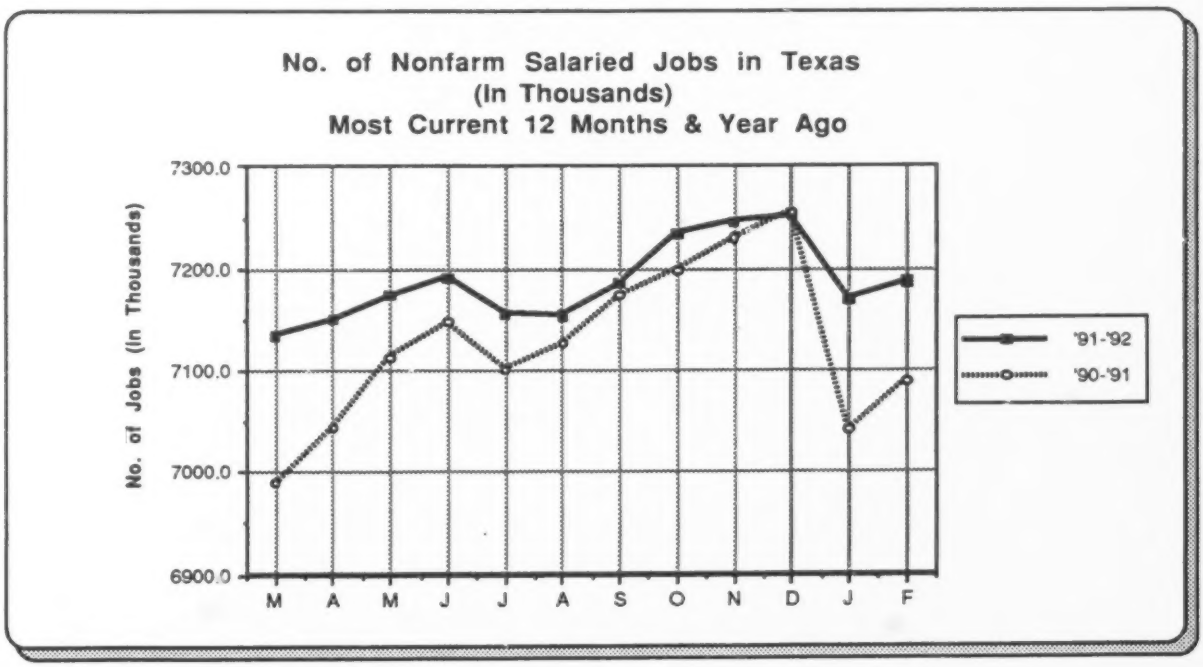

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	FEB. '92*	JAN. '92**	FEB. '91**	Chg. from JAN. '92	Chg. from FEB. '91
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,188,100**	**7,169,300**	**7,091,000**	**18,800**	**97,100**
MANUFACTURING	**977,700**	**978,800**	**986,300**	**-1,100**	**-8,600**
Durable Goods	**551,500**	**552,500**	**566,800**	**-1,000**	**-15,300**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,000	29,900	29,300	100	700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	6,600	6,500	-100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,200	16,100	200	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	34,300	34,400	34,300	-100	0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,600	14,600	14,800	0	-200
Primary Metal Industries	30,300	30,300	31,000	0	-700
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,700	81,200	83,300	-500	-2,600
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	38,700	38,900	39,600	-200	-900
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	114,500	114,700	119,100	-200	-4,600
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	26,100	26,500	29,100	-400	-3,000
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	101,000	101,300	106,100	-300	-5,100
Transportation Equipment	86,800	87,100	90,300	-300	-3,500
Aircraft & Parts	59,600	59,900	64,500	-300	-4,900
Instruments & Related Prod.	40,800	40,700	41,000	100	-200
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	16,700	16,700	16,300	0	400
Nondurable Goods	**426,200**	**426,300**	**419,500**	**-100**	**6,700**
Food & Kindred Products	95,700	96,000	96,900	-300	-1,200
Meat Products	30,800	30,700	30,700	100	100
Dairy Products	4,300	4,200	4,300	100	0
Bakery Products	10,100	10,200	10,300	-100	-200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	2,900	0	200
Textile Mill Products	4,000	3,900	3,900	100	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,400	58,400	55,700	0	2,700
Paper & Allied Products	25,300	25,300	25,000	0	300
Printing & Publishing	76,400	76,200	75,300	200	1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	36,600	36,300	35,600	300	1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	87,200	87,200	84,100	0	3,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,100	30,300	29,200	-200	900
Petroleum Refining	27,300	27,500	26,300	-200	1,000
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	41,500	41,400	41,700	100	-200
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,500	7,600	0	-100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,210,400**	**6,190,500**	**6,104,700**	**19,900**	**105,700**
Mining	**176,700**	**178,800**	**186,300**	**-2,100**	**-9,600**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,200	9,300	9,200	-100	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,500	169,500	177,100	-2,000	-9,600
Construction	**341,800**	**342,200**	**334,700**	**-400**	**7,100**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**433,200**	**433,500**	**426,500**	**-300**	**6,700**
Railroad Transportation	16,800	16,800	17,200	0	-400
Other Transportation	248,500	248,600	240,200	-100	8,300
Transportation by Air	79,700	79,800	76,400	-100	3,300
Communications	88,000	87,800	89,300	200	-1,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,900	80,300	79,800	-400	100
Electric Services	40,100	40,400	40,400	-300	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	27,800	27,800	28,100	0	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,721,500**	**1,724,800**	**1,700,100**	**-3,300**	**21,400**
Wholesale Trade	432,600	433,800	431,600	-1,200	1,000
Retail Trade	1,288,900	1,291,000	1,268,500	-2,100	20,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	39,100	38,600	38,500	500	600
General Merchandise Stores	172,200	173,400	169,700	-1,200	2,500
Food Stores	239,200	240,000	233,500	-800	5,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,500	132,600	131,200	-100	1,300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	75,400	77,000	79,300	-1,600	-3,900
Eating & Drinking Places	441,500	440,100	430,000	1,400	11,500
Other Retail Trade	189,000	189,300	186,300	-300	2,700
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**427,700**	**426,100**	**426,600**	**1,600**	**1,100**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	119,100	118,700	122,000	400	-2,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,400	144,000	142,800	400	1,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	164,200	163,400	161,800	800	2,400
Services	**1,805,900**	**1,793,700**	**1,736,900**	**12,200**	**69,000**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	82,100	82,000	81,900	100	200
Personal Services	83,500	82,600	81,900	900	1,600
Business & Repair Services	450,900	451,300	447,000	-400	3,900
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	88,600	88,300	76,200	300	12,400
Health Services	530,300	525,400	491,200	4,900	39,100
Educational Services	89,400	88,100	89,600	1,300	-200
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	157,300	155,800	153,700	1,500	3,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	323,800	320,200	315,400	3,600	8,400
Total Government	**1,303,600**	**1,291,400**	**1,293,600**	**12,200**	**10,000**
Federal Government	199,700	199,900	197,700	-200	2,000
State Government	286,900	280,200	276,100	6,700	10,800
Local Government	817,000	811,300	819,800	5,700	-2,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**
TOTAL	49,200	49,100	48,700	79,300	78,800	78,400	395,500	393,900	386,900	152,400	151,600	148,100
Manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,200	8,900	8,700	8,600	51,100	51,300	50,600	25,800	25,900	25,900
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,600	800	800	1,000	700	700	700	2,000	2,000	1,900
Construction	1,600	1,500	1,300	2,700	2,800	2,900	12,600	12,500	12,100	16,400	16,500	15,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	5,500	5,600	5,300	13,100	13,100	12,300	10,000	9,900	9,800
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,900	22,700	22,500	22,100	78,400	79,100	76,600	33,000	32,700	32,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	4,200	4,100	4,200	23,200	23,000	23,000	5,100	5,100	4,900
Services & Misc.	15,000	15,000	14,900	18,500	18,400	18,500	101,500	100,900	97,600	37,800	37,400	35,800
Government	9,200	9,200	9,300	16,000	15,900	15,800	114,900	113,300	114,000	22,300	22,100	22,000

Industry	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**
TOTAL	71,300	71,500	71,000	79,800	79,300	76,900	57,600	55,700	56,500	134,100	134,700	133,600
Manufacturing	17,400	17,400	17,100	11,800	11,700	11,300	3,800	3,800	3,400	12,800	13,000	12,900
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200	—	—	—	600	600	700	3,600	3,700	3,900
Construction	11,300	11,700	11,600	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,700	1,700	1,800	11,000	11,300	10,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,000	3,600	3,600	3,300	1,400	1,400	1,400	6,700	6,900	6,800
Trade	12,700	12,700	12,300	21,600	21,500	21,200	12,500	11,900	12,000	31,400	31,700	31,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,800	3,700	3,600	1,800	1,700	1,800	5,800	5,700	6,000
Services & Misc.	10,800	10,800	10,400	18,600	18,600	17,600	10,800	10,700	10,900	32,900	32,800	31,900
Government	12,400	12,200	12,500	18,100	17,900	17,700	25,000	23,900	24,500	29,900	29,600	30,300

Industry	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**
TOTAL	1,371.4	1,368.2	1,370.4	210,700	210,400	207,000	581,400	579,600	582,300	78,000	78,100	76,400
Manufacturing	210.3	210.3	217.1	40,500	40,700	40,500	102,900	103,700	111,000	8,700	8,700	8,700
Mining	17.8	17.9	18.3	—	—	—	4,200	4,300	4,300	700	800	700
Construction	42.6	42.0	45.2	8,000	7,900	7,800	18,900	19,200	20,800	4,200	4,300	4,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	85.0	84.3	82.3	10,700	10,700	10,600	58,800	58,600	56,900	5,600	5,600	5,000
Trade	352.1	353.5	349.6	52,600	53,000	51,400	144,700	145,100	146,500	16,100	16,200	15,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.5	126.3	127.6	8,200	8,200	8,100	27,700	27,600	28,800	5,500	5,500	5,300
Services & Misc.	369.1	368.6	364.6	44,600	44,600	43,300	144,200	142,200	138,200	14,200	14,300	14,000
Government	168.0	165.3	165.7	46,100	45,300	45,300	80,000	78,900	75,800	23,000	22,700	22,700

Industry	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**
TOTAL	1,626.6	1,626.1	1,611.6	75,100	74,700	73,400	48,600	48,400	46,800	70,700	70,400	69,400
Manufacturing	180.1	180.9	181.4	7,900	7,900	8,700	1,700	1,600	1,800	15,900	15,800	16,000
Mining	67.8	68.2	69.7	—	—	—	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,400	3,400	3,700
Construction	111.0	110.9	111.5	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,600	1,500	1,400	3,800	3,600	3,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	111.2	112.1	113.8	2,600	2,600	2,500	7,400	7,300	7,100	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	378.3	380.8	373.8	16,600	16,400	15,700	14,900	15,000	14,300	17,500	17,700	17,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	98.9	98.4	100.2	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	460.8	458.3	445.8	18,600	18,700	17,900	8,300	8,300	7,800	14,600	14,500	14,100
Government	218.5	216.5	215.4	23,900	23,600	23,100	10,900	10,900	10,500	9,400	9,300	9,200

Industry	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**
TOTAL	97,700	97,500	97,700	105,300	105,400	103,600	46,100	46,200	44,700	45,400	45,500	44,500
Manufacturing	6,900	6,900	7,100	12,600	12,400	13,600	2,400	2,400	2,200	4,400	4,500	4,400
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	9,400	9,700	9,500	5,400	5,500	5,200
Construction	3,800	3,800	3,100	4,400	4,300	4,100	1,400	1,400	1,200	2,600	2,500	2,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,400	5,600	5,700	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200
Trade	26,800	26,600	27,700	32,300	32,400	31,200	10,800	10,900	10,500	12,300	12,400	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,700	3,800	3,800	3,900	2,200	2,200	2,400	1,300	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	26,100	25,900	25,600	18,900	18,900	18,800	10,100	10,000	9,300	9,000	8,900	8,500
Government	23,900	23,900	23,600	29,400	29,700	28,000	7,500	7,300	7,300	8,100	8,000	8,100

Industry	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**
TOTAL	38,000	37,800	36,900	530,700	526,800	520,900	37,000	36,900	37,700	47,000	46,700	46,100
Manufacturing	5,100	5,000	4,900	46,100	45,800	45,300	10,000	10,000	10,900	6,200	6,300	6,900
Mining	500	500	600	1,900	1,900	1,900	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,000	1,100	1,100	22,200	21,900	21,600	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,800	2,800	23,100	23,100	22,200	1,700	1,700	1,600	2,200	2,200	2,300
Trade	9,300	9,200	8,900	127,400	129,000	125,900	7,600	7,600	7,600	11,100	10,900	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,500	38,300	38,100	38,600	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,700	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	10,100	10,000	9,300	146,800	143,500	143,400	9,600	9,600	9,400	11,900	11,900	11,100
Government	7,800	7,700	7,800	124,900	123,500	121,000	4,600	4,500	4,500	12,400	12,300	12,100

Industry	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**	Feb.'92*	Jan. '92**	Feb.'91**
TOTAL	63,000	63,100	63,700	30,500	30,600	29,400	82,300	81,600	82,800	50,300	50,100	49,300
Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	11,100	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,000	15,000	15,700	8,000	8,000	8,100
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,800	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,700	3,000	2,900	3,000	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,400	2,700	2,700	2,600
Trade	16,000	16,100	15,900	8,400	8,500	7,800	18,900	19,100	18,900	11,700	11,700	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,700	5,200	5,200	5,300	2,200	2,200	2,200
Services & Misc.	16,300	16,300	16,200	7,100	7,200	6,500	23,000	22,400	22,700	12,800	12,800	12,300
Government	10,100	10,100	10,700	5,400	5,300	5,400	13,900	13,700	13,800	10,100	9,900	9,900

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.'92*	Jan.'92	Feb.'91	Feb.'92*	Jan.'92	Feb.'91	Feb.'92*	Jan.'92	Feb.'91
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 465.98	$ 462.26	$ 441.08	42.4	42.1	41.3	$ 10.99	$10.98	$10.68
Durable Goods	454.10	453.46	432.02	42.4	42.3	41.5	10.71	10.72	10.41
Lumber & Wood Products	321.30	321.64	303.55	42.0	42.1	40.8	7.65	7.64	7.44
Furniture & Fixtures	325.26	336.96	268.92	41.7	43.2	36.0	7.80	7.80	7.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	414.52	416.63	411.20	43.1	42.6	42.7	9.62	9.78	9.63
Primary Metal Industries	506.78	509.54	468.83	43.5	43.7	41.6	11.65	11.66	11.27
Fabricated Metal Products	439.81	439.89	415.59	42.7	43.0	42.8	10.30	10.23	9.71
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	446.83	451.77	447.12	42.8	42.7	43.2	10.44	10.58	10.35
Oil Field Machinery	551.30	543.31	577.51	46.8	46.2	49.7	11.78	11.76	11.62
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	448.11	445.82	444.80	40.7	40.2	40.0	11.01	11.09	11.12
Transportation Equipment	627.88	617.58	559.10	42.8	42.3	40.9	14.67	14.60	13.67
Instruments & Related Prod.	447.20	428.40	421.04	43.0	42.0	41.4	10.40	10.20	10.17
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	321.07	317.46	283.88	40.9	40.7	37.5	7.85	7.80	7.57
Nondurable Goods	478.84	473.47	450.31	42.3	41.9	40.9	11.32	11.30	11.01
Food & Kindred Products	385.10	379.64	368.58	42.6	41.4	41.6	9.04	9.17	8.86
Meat Products	287.00	275.22	278.88	41.0	39.6	41.5	7.00	6.95	6.72
Malt Beverages	901.51	940.80	940.32	45.6	47.3	49.7	19.77	19.89	18.92
Textile Mill Products	377.36	383.49	343.73	44.5	44.8	43.4	8.48	8.56	7.92
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	241.64	239.90	215.94	38.6	38.2	36.6	6.26	6.28	5.90
Paper & Allied Products	520.70	534.61	490.45	43.5	44.7	42.5	11.97	11.96	11.54
Printing & Publishing	424.60	430.56	424.63	38.6	39.0	39.1	11.00	11.04	10.86
Chemicals & Allied Products	761.40	754.65	732.92	45.0	45.0	43.6	16.92	16.77	16.81
Petroleum & Coal Products	884.04	828.99	779.22	47.3	45.3	44.4	18.69	18.30	17.55
Petroleum Refining	917.19	858.51	811.27	47.4	45.4	44.6	19.35	18.91	18.19
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	419.90	412.73	387.98	44.2	43.4	41.1	9.50	9.51	9.44
Leather & Leather Products	269.01	274.53	272.45	39.1	39.5	39.6	6.88	6.95	6.88
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	688.64	658.37	652.28	44.2	43.2	46.0	15.58	15.24	14.18
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	657.45	613.18	624.00	48.2	46.0	50.0	13.64	13.33	12.48
Oil & Gas Extraction	690.11	660.91	654.48	43.9	43.0	45.8	15.72	15.37	14.29
Communications	568.51	571.54	538.68	43.2	43.2	40.2	13.16	13.23	13.40
Elec., Gas & San. Services	586.45	570.15	575.94	42.1	41.8	43.5	13.93	13.64	13.24
Wholesale & Retail Trade	255.96	252.01	244.48	32.4	31.9	32.0	7.90	7.90	7.64
Wholesale Trade	451.45	443.85	429.95	40.2	39.7	39.7	11.23	11.18	10.83
Retail Trade	196.55	193.88	186.48	30.1	29.6	29.6	6.53	6.55	6.30
General Merchandise Stores	193.05	189.73	181.55	29.7	29.1	28.5	6.50	6.52	6.37
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	350.73	326.47	319.59	39.1	36.6	36.4	8.97	8.92	8.78

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 441.56	$ 442.57	$ 424.54	41.5	41.4	40.9	$ 10.64	$ 10.69	$ 10.38
Durable Goods	455.40	461.61	443.98	41.4	41.4	41.3	11.00	11.15	10.75
Nondurable Goods	418.08	413.34	392.35	41.6	41.5	40.2	10.05	9.96	9.76
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	492.34	490.69	456.74	41.2	41.2	40.1	11.95	11.91	11.39
Durable Goods	517.39	512.45	475.91	40.9	40.8	40.4	12.65	12.56	11.78
Nondurable Goods	443.69	448.75	416.99	41.7	41.9	39.6	10.64	10.71	10.53
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	565.36	554.16	555.17	44.1	43.6	44.7	12.82	12.71	12.42
Durable Goods	479.39	467.41	480.53	43.7	43.0	44.7	10.97	10.87	10.75
Nondurable Goods	680.60	672.66	660.08	44.6	44.4	44.6	15.26	15.15	14.80
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	338.25	334.97	321.17	41.3	41.1	39.7	8.19	8.15	8.09
Durable Goods	356.15	346.06	333.20	42.5	42.1	40.0	8.38	8.22	8.33
Nondurable Goods	321.20	325.62	309.29	40.1	40.3	39.3	8.01	8.08	7.87

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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up by 200 over the month.

Manufacturing lost 1,100 jobs from January. **Durable Goods** was down by 1,000. The largest loss in Durables occurred in Fabricated Metal Industries which was down by 500 over the month. Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Transportation Equipment were both down by 300. Industrial Machinery and Equipment declined by 200, while Stone, Clay and Glass Products lost 100 jobs over the month. A gain of 200 was seen in Furniture and Fixtures, while Instruments and Related Products increased by 100 from one month ago.

Nondurable Goods declined by 100 from January. Food and Kindred Products produced the largest decline in Nondurables, down 300 over the month. Petroleum and Coal Products lost 200 jobs which appeared in Petroleum Refining. An increase of 200 was reported in Printing and Publishing. Both Textile Mill Products and Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products showed gains of 100 over the month.

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Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 642,300 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by one cent over the month and Average Weeky Hours were up by three-tenths of an hour, causing Average Weekly Earnings to increase by $3.72 from January.

In mid-February a worker, on average, was earning $10.99 per hour for a 42.4-hour week, and making $465.98 in weekly earnings.

Nondurable Goods reported an increase of $5.37 in Average Weekly Earnings over the month. The largest increase in Nondurables was seen in Petroleum and Coal Products in which Petroleum Refining increased by $58.68 over the month, due to an increase in overtime hours. Meat Products (within Food and Kindred Products) increased by $11.78, while Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products went up by $7.17. The largest decrease in Nondurables was in Malt Beverages (within Food and Kindred Products), which fell by $39.29 over the month. Paper and Allied Products decreased by $13.91.

Durable Goods rose slightly in Average Weekly Earnings by sixty-four cents over the month. Instruments and Related Products produced the largest Durable gain, rising $18.80 from January. The largest Durable loss occurred in Furniture and Fixtures, down by $11.70 over the month.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	FEB.'92	FEB.'91
Total Population	17,560,400*	17,198,400*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.3	1.9
UI Covered Employers	328,672	320,585
Total Claims Actions	849,405	687,787
Total Initial Claims Actions	86,031	70,902
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	763,374	616,885
Total Placements	22,959	34,991
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$165.57	$160.34
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	96,495,121	76,666,912

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